

Please add the following claim:

9. A process for the production of rigid foams containing urethane groups and predominately isocyanurate groups comprising reacting:

- 1) polyisocyanates with
- 2) from 30 to 90 parts by weight of compounds containing at least two isocyanate-reactive hydrogen atoms, having molecular weights of from 400 to 10,000, and containing branched chains, in the presence of
- 3) blowing agents consisting essentially of C₁ to C₆ hydrocarbons,
- 4) from 10 to 60 parts by weight of flameproofing agents, and
- 5) from 10 to 20 parts by weight of compounds containing at least two isocyanate-reactive hydrogen atoms and having molecular weights of from 32 to 399 as crosslinking agents,

wherein the parts by weight of components 2), 4) and 5) total 100, and wherein the reaction is conducted at an index range of from 200 to 600.--

Please change the dependency of Claims ~~4, 5, 7 and 8~~ from "Claim 1" to

--Claim 9--.

Please change the dependency of Claims ~~3 and 6~~ from "Claim 2" to --

Claim 9--.

REMARKS

By this amendment, Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled and combined as new Claim 9. In addition, the dependencies of Claims 3 through 8 have been amended.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2, as "being indefinite" for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has questioned the term "index range". The term "index" is a very well recognized term in the urethane industry. Enclosed is a copy of pages 42 and 43 from the 1971 book entitled "A Glossary of URETHANE INDUSTRY TERMS." As set forth therein, "index" is a measure of the stoichiometric balance or the relationship between the equivalent weights of the